

***Calendar for
the United States 108th Congress, Second Session (2004)***

Jan 21, 04	Session opens. Legislation can be considered.
1 st Mon. in Feb.	President submits budget to Congress
Feb. 16–21	The Senate and House of Representatives are in recess.
Mar 14-21	Senate in recess.
April 1	Senate Budget Committee reports budget resolution
April 5-11	House in recess.
April 15	House and Senate complete action on budget resolution
April 12-18	Senate and House in recess.
May 15	Appropriations' bills may be considered in the House even in the absence of a budget resolution
May 23-31	Senate and House in recess.
June 10	House Appropriations' Committee reports last regular appropriations' bill
June 27	House Appropriations Committee and Subcommittees generally approve the 13 annual appropriations bills
June 27- July 5	Senate and House in recess.
July 25- Sept. 6	Senate and House in recess.
September	Senate generally approves 13 annual appropriations bills; passed legislation is sent to the President. House & Senate conference (to work out final appropriations bills). President signs 13 annual appropriations bills (or as many as are ready).
Oct 1, 2004	Deadline for enactment of 13 annual appropriations bills. New fiscal year begins; it ends Sept. 30, 2005

***For appropriations bills not signed into law by October 1 of each year, Congress must pass a "stopgap" measure referred to as a "continuing resolution" (or CR) to keep government programs operating until full-year funding can be enacted. The President must sign a CR into law in order for it to be effective.